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1. Location

a. Administrative

(1) Riga is the capital of the Latvian SSR.

2. History 1/

a. The city's role in World War II:

(2) The city was under German occupation from 1 Jul 1941 to 13 Oct 1944.

City Commandant from Oct 1941 to 1944 was Gebietskommissar und Kommissarischer Buyrgermeister Wittrock

In Oct 1941, the Germans established a ghetto for 28,000 Jews.

Between 18 and 25 Oct 1941, the Sicherheitspolizei and SD executed 115 communists and 6 Jews.

On 5 Dec 1941, Estonia was placed under civil administration.

3. Population 2/

a. Total number: 385,063 (1935)

c. Ethnic composition (as of 1935)

Latvians, total	242,731
(Catholic	20,582)
Russians	28,346
Jews	43,672
Germans	38,523
Poles	15,774
White Ruthenians	4,676
Lithuanians	5,788
Estonians	2,211
Others	3,342
(including	
Gypsies	234
Ukremians	783
Livonians	18)

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11. Miscellany

A large number of administrative files pertaining to the period of German occupation are available at GMDS.

Sources:

1/ German Army Files and Activity Reports of Sicherheitspolizei und SD

2/ Bevolkerungsstatistik Lettlands (Population Statistics of Latvia), Census Publikationsstelle Berlin-Dahlem

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